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342 yourt, where the women as well as the men go in and out by means of a ladder, or notched beam, that is raiſed to a level with this opening. There is another very low entrance in one ſide of the yourt, but it is conſidered as a kind of diſgrace to
351 make uſe of it. I ſhall terminate the deſcription of the exterior part of theſe habitations by adding, that they are ſurrounded with tolerably high paliſades, doubtleſs as a protection againſt the gales of wind, or falls of ſnow; it is ſaid, however, that theſe enclofures formerly ſerved as ramparts to defend theſe people againſt their enemies.

342 We have no ſooner deſcended theſe ſavage
352 abodes, than we wiſh ourſelves out again; the view and the ſmell are equally offenſive. The interior part conſiſts of one entire room, about ten feet high. A bench, five feet wide, and covered with various ſkins, half worn out, extends all round it. This bench